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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

0. Tele School Call For Instructors

We still need some more instructors for Telemark School on Saturday Jan 14th. If you're holding off because you'd like to take an advanced course, this might be organized for Sunday: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79856>

- 1) Beacon search night ☺ Wednesday, December 14th

Another opportunity to practice with avalanche beacons at UBC (probably Wreck beach). Having come to a beacon practice is a bare minimum for most winter trips with the VOC.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80039>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=200>

2) Tele Lesson at Cypress 📅 Thursday, December 15th

An instructional night run by the Vancouver Telemark Club to learn or brush up on those telemark skills

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80033>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=198>

3) Tentative: Kinda Beg. Friendly Ski Day trip on the North Shore-Rambling about the area behind Grouse? 📅 Friday, December 16th

A day trip to explore some of the back-country on the North Shore, with the express purpose of working off some exam-time calories. Tentative on weather.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=199>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80038>

4) Brian Waddington Hut Trip - Intermediate Friendly 📅 Sat. Dec. 17th - Sun. Dec. 18th

This will be an intermediate trip up to the Phelix/Brian Waddington hut, to get some nice skiing in. Come help warm the hut!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=204>

5) North Joffre Creek Horseshoe Dec 17-18 📅 Sat. Dec. 17th - Sun. Dec. 18th

A weekend intermediate friendly horseshoe-shaped traverse-without-the-car-faff.

From the trip description: "North Joffre Creek Horseshoe is up the Duffey lake road, you skin up the logging road along the creek and eventually make it to Cassiope where you continue at a high elevation past Saxigrage, Olegs, Place glacier and back down into the creek. "

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80465>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=206>

6) Day trip to Paul's Ridge/ Red Heather 📅 Sunday, December 18th

A ski daytrip on Sunday to one of the most popular spots around - and with good reason!

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=205>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80366>

7) New Years at Phelix Hut 📅 Mon. Dec. 26th - Mon. Jan. 2nd

The holidays are almost here, and it's time to start planning to bring in the New Year up at Phelix! Note that this is not a "led" trip, but will rather be a loosely coordinated bunch of groups sharing the same space and celebrating together.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,77985>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/details.php?tripid=179>

8) 20 hour Wilderness First Aid 📅 Tentative Date : Sat. Feb. 4th - Sun. Feb. 5th

This will be on a weekend in late January or February: another chance to take a first-aid course from Slipstream with a deep VOC discount. Courses like this can make the difference between life and death for you and your friends.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80161>

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/tripagenda/functions.php?tripid=195>

II. Trip Ideas and Partners Sought

-Jake A. and Liam H. are heading to Brew with some friends this weekend and have an extra seat in the car: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,80426>

III. This week in the VOC

0) Holiday Gear Hours

Fall gear hours are over now. Here's the skinny on getting gear for the next few days:

-Wednesday 14: 18:00 - 19:00

-Thursday 15: 11:00 - 12:00

That will likely be it for December, but be sure to check here for any updates: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,80461>

1) Past trips and events

-A double birthday bash up at the Brian Waddington hut last weekend resulted in wonderful runs, night skiing, and the full glory of drinking: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/2011/12/13/19-reasons-to-host-two-birthdays-in-a-voc-hut-waddington-hut-dec-10-11>

-The VOC's love affair with the Brew hut continued this weekend: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?3,79786>

IV. Miscellaneous

1) Rewards and incentives for trip organizers

Woohoo, prodeals for VOC Trip organizers! In return for leading trips, you now get not only immense satisfaction, but cheap gear too!!

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Discounts_for_VOC_Trip_Organizers

2) Call for VOC journal articles - 54th edition!

Time to start writing up those crazy memories of outdoor experiences this past year, or just turning your existing TR's into journal articles! Every year, the VOC immortalizes the wonderful fun we have in the outdoors in the VOC Journal. Receiving a journal is a priveledge of membership in the VOC, and it relies completely on submissions from people like you! Check out the message board for more information about the deadline and types of things you can contribute: <http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum5/read.php?1,79263>

V. Ms. Manners

Dear Miss Manners,

I am new to the idea of going to back country huts and sleeping next to a large group of people. I am fine with the concept of spooning to stay warm with an AYL during the cold nights in fact in some circumstances I actively encourage this activity. I am however not so sure about being sporked. Are there strategies I should adopt or special rules for these arrangements.

-Anonymous

Dear you,

While I share your fondness for spooning with Attractive Young Ladies (it reminds me of having once been one myself), I'm not quite sure what sporks have to do with it. Don't get me wrong: I wholeheartedly endorse the use of a sturdy spork in the backcountry. I mean, they are just great. Soup? No problem. Pasta? No problem. Reconstituted egg-scramble? Eat up. Self-defense? Maybe. Exclusively spooning without at least giving sporking a try is like insisting on using a frisbee as an ice axe; sometimes you just need pointy things in your life. So, you should not be worried about being attacked from behind by a renegade spork as you tenderly spoon one or more AYL's. Rather, you should relish the thought of such an experience. To combine the warmth gently ladled into your loins by a spooning partner with the sheer practical genius of a good spork - well that would be a tale worthy of its own VOCJ article.

Sincerely,
Miss Manners

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